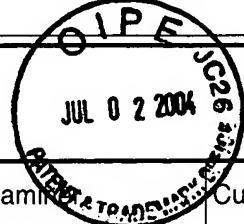


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.
DI-5782

In Re Application Of: **Elisabettini et al.**



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| Application No. 10/044,234 | Filing Date January 11, 2002 | Examiner F. Choi | Customer No. 29200 | Group Art Unit 1616 | Confirmation No. 8974 |
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Invention: **BICARBONATE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR DIALYSIS THERAPIES**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 29, 2004 above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: April 29, 2004 *Date* until: June 29, 2004 *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is **\$420** and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**

Signature

Dated: **June 29, 2004**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 06-29-2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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